മിസ്റ്റർ പി. വി. റാഫേൽ : ശരിക്കു മനസ്സിലാക്കിത്തന്നെയാണു് ഉത്തരം പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നതു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. നായർ : ഞാൻ ചോദിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള കാലങ്ങൾ ഓരോ ദിവാൻജിമാരുടെ വരവും പോക്കും എന്നുള്ളതായ കാലങ്ങളാണെന്നു് മനസ്സിലാക്കീട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. വി. റാഫേൽ : അതും മനസ്സിലാക്കായ്കയില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. നായർ : കൊച്ചിരാജ്യത്തു് പുതുമഴക്കു് തകര പൊടിക്കുന്നമാതിരി ഉദ്യോഗങ്ങൾ അധികമാകുന്നതിലേക്കു് ഒരു നിവാരണം വേണമെന്നുള്ള വാദം സാധുവാണെന്നു വ്യക്തമാക്കാനാണു് ഈ ചോദ്യമെന്നു് മനസ്സിലാക്കീട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts)*: The increase in establishment charges is necessitated by the peculiar circumstances of the time and therefore there is nothing to be explained before the public.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: What is the purpose supposed to be served by this question ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts)*: That is exactly what we do not understand.

Mr. C. K. Nayar *(Nemmara)*: You say "No purpose will be served".

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts)*: No public purpose will be served. The point is that large establishments are being created. The Government are prepared to say that these establishments, most of which are temporary and will cease after the emergency is over, are all created in due consideration of the peculiar circumstances of the time.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know, Sir, whether there is a complaint prevalent amongst the public that the administration charges for running a show of Government in Cochin is very high. Is the Government aware of such a feeling ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts)*: There is no such feeling With regard to the "running of a show of a Government" and all that I don't want to say anything now.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: If you take objection to that expression which is quite right, I beg to withdraw the same. Are the Government aware that there is a feeling amongst the public that the administration is top-heavy and the total expenditure on administration charges is very much out of proportion ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts)*: The Government are not aware of any such feeling ?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Is the Government aware of many a motion being made, pressed and passed in this House that the Administrative charges of the Government of Cochin should be reduced.

Mr. President: I may remind the Hon'ble Member that such motions were passed some time ago. But the conditions have changed now.

LOANS—FOOD PRODUCTION SCHEME

7. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Will Government be pleased to state the following.—

(*a*) number of applications received for loans under the Governments' Food Production Scheme;

(*b*) the amount of the loans applied for;

(*c*) the amount granted and the number of persons;

(*d*) the reasons for not granting the loans;

(*e*) were the applicants informed of the result of their applications ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*:

(*a*) (1) 647 from private persons to start cultivation of their lands.

(2) As regards the applications from the lessees of Poramboke lands under the Food Production Scheme no accurate figures can be given as no separate applications for loan alone had been prescribed. A column was provided in the form of applications for lease of lands, to note whether the applicant wants any government help and if so, the nature of the aid sought for. As there were a large number of such applications for lease, it is not easily possible to sift those which contain requests for loans.

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(*b*) (1) Rs. 29,811 by private persons to cultivate their lands.

(2) In the case of Government lessees no figures can be given for the reasons mentioned in (2) answer to sub-division (*a*).

(*c*) (1) Rs. 1,231—8—0; 22 persons to cultivate their patta lands.

(2) Rs. 17,234—1—0; 1,064 persons (lessees under Food Production scheme).

(*d*) (1) In the case of private parties as the requests in some cases are not *bona fide*, and as in many cases no proper security has been given or the security offered is insufficient.

(2) In the case of Government lessees as they have already cultivated the lands taken up on lease or as they do not really stand in need of loan.

(*e*) (1) Yes, in the case of private parties.

(2) Lessees who had made specific request for loan subsequently were informed of the result of their applications.

NOMINATION OF NON-OFFICIAL MEMBERS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ABOLITION OF

8. **Mr. V. J. Mathai** *(Planters)* : Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Government will so amend the Government of Cochin Act as to stop all nomination of non-official members and reserve eight seats to minority communities to be filled up by election ;

(*b*) whether Government does not consider that the present system of nomination is open to the objection that the Government will nominate only such gentlemen as will support the Government ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* :

(*a*) Government do not consider it necessary.

(*b*) No.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: May I know whether nominated members are free to join political parties in the State.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Oh, Yes.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)* : Am I to understand that the Government do not ever issue whips to nominated members ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)* : That is a matter for the Government to decide from time to time.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether there has been any instance wherein Government had issued whips ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)* : Even if they had they cannot disclose.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)* : May I know whether they are free to get seats alone with the parties to which they belong ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: With regard to that there is some understanding and according to that it is done.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: May I know whether the Government are aware that the nominated members have now joined the existing political parties in the State ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)* : We have not inquired.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Will the Government be pleased to consider the allocation of seats along with the party blocks if nominated members make the request ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: If requests come we will consider.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Is the request to come from the nominated member ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)* : Yes. From the nominated member because he is to have the seat.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)* : He is taking the seat along with the party to which he is attached.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)* : But he must express his desire.

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